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1. Gasoline rations for private motor vehicles in the Soviet Zone of Germany were reduced by 75 percent on 15 November 1950. Efforts are being made to have the gasoline allocated by the central associations and not by the Fahrbereitschaft (local carriers' association). In connection with the ordered reduction of gasoline rations, it was necessary to register all motor vehicles operated by the VVB-Chemie (Association of Nationalized Chemical Enterprises) by 30 November 1950, and to report how much gasoline each motor vehicle consumed per 100 km.
2. According to a confidential decision by the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Zone of Germany, gasoline rations for civilian motor vehicles in East Berlin and the entire Soviet Zone were reduced by 40 percent, effective 1 December 1950.
3. The chief of the Supply Department announced on 17 November 1950 that only 135,000 kg of Diesel oil were available for farmers in Land Brandenburg in December 1950. However, 600,000 kg were actually required. According to the same departmental chief, gasoline simply was not available. *

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* Comment. Reductions of gasoline rations were reported previously.

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